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Registration continues for environmental healthcare workshops

BATON ROUGE – Workshops aimed at hospitals and healthcare providers are currently scheduled in Baton Rouge and Metairie. The workshops are intended to educate hospital employees and other healthcare providers on environmental matters, as well as providing useful tools to improve compliance with the Joint Commission's Environment of Care standards.

In Baton Rouge, the Practicing Green Healthcare workshop will be held on Feb. 18, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Pollack and Pensacola rooms of the DEQ Conference Center, 602 N. 5th Street. There will be free parking in the Galvez Building garage. It will focus on eliminating mercury in healthcare settings and reducing the quantity and toxicity of healthcare waste.

The Practicing Green Healthcare workshop will be repeated Feb. 19 in Harahan at the Joseph S. Yenni Building, Suite 405, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

On Feb. 20, in Metairie, the Managing Wastes in Healthcare Facilities workshop will be held at Esplanade 1, East Jefferson Hospital Conference Center, 4200 Houma Boulevard from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. This workshop will focus on pharmaceutical waste handling and the handling and disposal of other hazardous material and will include a hands-on activity related to pharmaceutical waste disposal. Discussion will include the recent announcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to add Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste to the Universal Waste Rule.

The workshops are free but seating is limited. To register or learn more, go to www.practicegreenhealth.org/laworkshops or call John Rogers at 225-219-3966.

Practice Greenhealth, the Louisiana Hospital Association, the Department of Health and Hospitals, DEQ and EPA worked together to present this series of free workshops.